

# Group Time Tips

## Elements of Group Time

*Group Time for Mission Friends follows this outline.*

- Introduction: An activity to introduce the story.
- Mission Story: A story that focuses on the missionaries' work. A longer version is included for kindergartners.
- Questions: Help preschoolers think about the story with these questions.
- Prayertime: A suggestion for praying with preschoolers.
- Closing Activity: Close Group Time with an activity to review or reinforce missions learning.

## Options to Add

- Sing a song.
- Open the Bible to read a Bible thought.
- Use an activity from Mission Friends Leader Kit.
- Do a movement activity.
- Play a game to repeat a Bible thought.
- Act out the story.
- Use pictures from Mission Friends Leader Kit.
- Invite a parent or grandparent to tell the mission story.

## Telling the Mission Story

- Read the story ahead of time, and then read it again.
- Think of the basic sequence of the story: what happened first, next, last.
- Put variety into your voice: high or low pitch, loud or soft volume, fast or slow speed.
- Use facial expressions and gestures.
- Keep eye contact with preschoolers.
- Have fun!

